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C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 1925

E.O. 11652: XGDS-4
TAGS: PFOR, PO
SUBJ: BIB/RFE CONTRACT: EASTERN EUROPEAN DISPLEASURE

REF: (A) LISBON 1531, (B) LISBON 1666

1. EASTERN EUROPEAN PROTEST: ALFREDO COSTA, DIRECTOR OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY PRESS AND INFORMATION SERVICE AND THE OFFICIAL WHO HANDLED EXCHANGE OF NOTES COVERING RARET CONTRACT, TOLD POLCOUNS MARCH 9 THAT HE HAD BEEN IN POLAND NEGOTIATING AN AGREEMENT ON PRESS AND INFORMATION WHEN THE POLES GOT NEWS OF THE RARET CONTRACT SIGNING. COSTA SAID THAT THE POLES, WAVING THE TELEXED REPORT, PROTESTED TO HIM ON THE SPOT. HE ADDED THAT CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR IN LISBON VISITED FOREIGN MINISTRY RECENTLY TO MAKE A SIMILAR PROTEST.

2. PRESS COMMENTS: LOCAL PRESS COMMENTARY ON CONTRACT HAS LARGELY CEASED, BUT COMMUNIST-LINE "DIARIO DE LISBOA" ON MAR. 9 CARRIED STRONG ATTACK AGAINST THE
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GOVERNMENT FOR SIGNING THE CONTRACT. THE ARTICLE ALLEGED THAT RARET CARRIES VOICE OF AMERICA PROPAGANDA, AND THAT RFE AND VOA ARE HEAVILY STAFFED WITH CIA PERSONNEL. IT QUOTES FORMER SENATOR FULBRIGHT DESCRIBING RFE AS "RELIC OF THE COLD WAR." ARTICLE ALSO CHARGED THAT CONTRACT VIOLATES PORTUGUESE CONSTITUTION AND HELSINKI AGREEMENT. PIECE ENDS BY

ASKING IF IT TRUE THAT SIGNING WAS CONDITION FOR
AMERICAN LOANS.

3. COMMENT: PROTESTS AND LOCAL PRO-COMMUNIST PRESS PLAY
ARE TO BE EXPECTED AND POINT UP CONTINUING NEED FOR
DISCRETION ON OUR PART.
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